

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmembers Present

Thomas Wheeler, President
Dan Mandolesi, Vice President
Nick Lodise
Mayor Debbie Mahon
Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council
Judy Coleman
Mallory Menta

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Water & Sewer Sherri Wheeler
Water & Sewer Kurt Ludwig
Police Chief Bob Juno
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

Councilmembers Absent: Doug Edge and Doug Harris

Staff Absent: Zoning Officer Debra Juno, Water & Sewer Pat Slater and Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

Guests in Attendance: Ron Robbins, Mary Johnson and Sheri Wheeler

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the minutes of September 10 and 18, 2018; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Public Comment:

- LED Lights – Mr. Ludwig mentioned how nice the new lights are. Mr. Mandolesi said that Pete from Armor Electric was the most cooperative person he has had the pleasure of working with. Armor Electric did find that some of the wiring to the lights was bad and needed to be replaced. Armor is almost done the project. Mr. DeBias encouraged Mr. Mandolesi to bring an invoice for the work completed to the next work session so that council can make a motion for payment. Mr. Mandolesi also stated that Armor does inside lighting as well, so Mr. Mandolesi asked Pete to put together an estimate of cost for the lighting work at Borough Hall.
- Hulmeville Soccer Club – Ms. Johnson told council that Hulmeville Soccer Club has requested use of the fields at Borough Hall for this fall and next spring. She received and passed on a copy of liability insurance as well a \$200 donation.

- Main Street Storm Water – Ms. Johnson wanted to bring to council’s attention that a resident on Main Street with junk in their yard has accumulated even more items. It is so bad the next-door neighbor has put up a stockade fence so they don’t see all the junk. They are parking cars in an empty lot next to their house. Mr. Wheeler did talk to the owner two times regarding the clutter in the yard. Ms. Juno will need to get involved in addressing the issue.
- Hulmeville Historic Meeting – Ms. Johnson announced that Carl Lavo would be talking at the next meeting on 10/10 at 7:30pm. Mr. Lavo has written articles on Hulmeville Borough and she invited council to attend the meeting.
- Christmas Wreaths – Mayor Mahon announced that wreath orders are due 10/20.

Zoning: Mr. Mandolesi emailed to council Debra Juno’s report for September. Ms. Juno had email correspondences with Jeff King 103 Green Street regarding subdivision, Sharon Harger 8 Water Street regarding zoning fees, Christian Evans 2 Ford Ave regarding footing inspection, Alex Covrlljan concerning permits for Johnson Hall and Brittiany Torky from Tomlinson’s office regarding political sign requirements.

Police Report:

- Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of September 2018: 9 Incidents, 15 Traffic, 15 Parking, 3 Accidents, 1 Assists, 1 Summary, 0 Criminal, 10 District Court, 0 County Court, 2 EMS, for total hours worked: 205, Total Salary \$4,842,15.
- Hulmeville Flea Market – The police reported that they gave 11 parking citations and 1 summary violation during the Hulmeville Flea Market day. The hill to the Black property was closed for parking due to the amount of rain causing the ground to be very muddy. Mr. Wheeler suggested that next year the Historical Society get more involved in managing the issues for the flea market. Parking is always an issue and it is not council’s responsibility to work out logistics. It is the Historical Society fundraiser so they need to take a more active role moving forward.
- Body Armor Policy – Mayor Mahon distributed the body armor policy for the police department. This policy needs to be in place for the vest grant. The information was taken from the Department of Justice policies on body armor.
- Email Scams – Chief Juno wanted to make council aware that he has been receiving scam emails on his .gov email account. Do not open or respond to any email you don’t recognize.

Motion made by Ms. Menta seconded by Mr. Lodise to adopt Body Armor Policy; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Green Street – Mr. Lodise asked if the police are monitoring Green Street for cars traveling in the wrong direction. Chief Juno explained that he does have officers monitoring the traffic in the morning. They did ticket the UPS driver for going the wrong way.

Jr Council Member: Miss Omietanski is currently working on an article for the newsletter on homeless teens at Neshaminy High School. Mayor Mahon announced that Sarah's picture and bio was published in this month's issue of Borough News.

Water and Sewer:

- Act 537 Plan – Mr. Ludwig confirmed that the DEP has released the sewer connections for 2015, 2016 and 2017 which includes the Black property and all subdivisions.
- Credit Payments – Mr. Ludwig met with Neil from Inverse Paradox – Neil said he can set the Authority up to accept on line payments in 4-5 hours, which he has offered to do for free. He will need to secure the web page and the Authority will have to pay an annual fee of \$50-\$150 a year for security on the site. The fee for transactions will be around 3% and that will be charged to the customers.
- Water Treatment Tour – Mr. Ludwig is trying to set up a tour with BCWSA for the water treatment facility in Chalfont. He is inviting everyone from council to join the Authority for the tour.

MS4:

- Fall Newsletter –needs updates from the committees.
- Mayor Mahon had a meeting on September 26th with Mr. Canales and DEP to discuss how the borough should proceed with the TMDL project developments. The meeting went well. Something positive that came out of the meeting is that any pounds over the expected sediments reduction for projects will be allowed to extend into the next permit cycle. The five-year project is still a requirement. One issue that came up was the DEP is asking that the borough somehow measure water coming from other townships into the borough. They are asking for a “hypothetical” number because there is no actual way to accurately measure the water inflow.
- Database – Mayor Mahon is still looking for a thorough way to get updated business names and contact information.

TMDL / BMP's: Permit years 2018-2022

- The July 2, 2018 letter from Pickering, Corts and Summerson states we must implement Pollution Control Measures to Pathogens and Priority Organic Compounds. There are 7 requirements stated. The committee will discuss these requirements at the August 23rd meeting. Ask for RETTEW's proposal to help with some of the requirements. Their bid is for \$5410.00.
- TMDL No1: encouraged riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage storm water control measures
- TMDL No 3: installation of 2 deciduous trees in open space or within the borough proper
- TMDL No 4: reduce infiltration
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: encouraged home owners to install rain barrels
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
 - Continued with the 4 leaf pick-ups through the fall/winter season

- Sump Pump inspection enforcement
- Decide on sediment reduction project-hold until 9-28-1028 meeting

Floodplain:

- For all residents in and out of floodplain, contact information is being added to the newsletter to assist residents and business owners on proposed practices and procedures during weather events.
- Old Colonial Inn has cleared trees in the floodplain/open space behind their establishment. Zoning officer is working on the violation as this is not yet cleaned up.
- The Water Street FIRM concerns have not yet been answered. FEMA forwarded Mayor Mahon's questions to PEMA for answers through the hazard mitigation grants.

Storm Water:

- New Residents – Update any new residents that have moved into Hulmeville as storm water affects us all and not just those that live in floodplain.

Borough Property:

- Tree Removal – Mr. Mandolesi received a quote from Bill Young for the removal of a dead ash tree at Memorial Park. The total cost for removal of the tree and stump is \$7,100. Mr. Wheeler suggested he contact PECO to see if this is something they would remove for the borough and if not council asked that Mr. Mandolesi receive two more quotes for the work.
- Tree Trimming – Armor Electric reported that trees were hanging over lines at Estee and Water Streets. Mr. Mandolesi contacted PECO.
- 910 Bellevue – Mr. Mandolesi noticed on a walk that there is a huge amount of silt coming off the property at 910 Bellevue Ave. He is going to talk to the owner and suggest that they put up a fence until the work on the house is complete.

Lights:

- See public comments
- Light Fixture Main and Trenton – Mr. Mandolesi informed council that Mike Wheeler has offered to donate an arm for the light fixture at Trenton and Main.

Streets:

- Guide Rail Green Street – Mr. Wheeler received a quote for installing guide rail on Green Street. The quote is from Long Fence and the price to furnish and install a guide rail would be \$9,885.00. This would cover an 87.5 linear feet of type 2-S guide rail using 8- or 10-foot posts. Mr. Wheeler will contact CVU for a quote.

Personnel: no report

Finance:

- Budget – Ms. Coleman distributed the proposed budget to council. She asked to please review it and any corrections can be discussed at the work session. Mr. Mandolesi wondered if the tree removal at Memorial Park should be added to the budget.

Trash:

- Issues with pickup – Mr. Lodise explained that there are ongoing issues with trash and recycle pickups. Chris is no longer our contact at Republic. Main Street between Trenton and Green did not receive trash pick up for three weeks. There are branches hanging too low on Water Street so the truck operator is refusing to go down the road for trash pick up there. Mr. Lodise will investigate the tree issue on Water Street and try to get a resolution.

Bill Dickenson arrived at 8:35pm

Public Comment:

- Mr. Dickenson wanted to make council aware of an issue he is having with the new LED lights. The light in front of his home on 233 Main Street is shining into his house. He is hoping something can be done to correct this matter. Mr. Mandolesi will take to Armor Electric regarding this matter. The light mount may need to be adjusted.

Solicitor Report:

- RDA Grants – Mr. DeBias filed the grants with the RDA. He submitted the grant for the Peace Valley Café which will help special education students in Neshaminy High School who will be working at the facility learning life skills.
- Snow and Ice Contract – Mr. DeBias called Hutchinson's references and they were all good. Neshaminy School District as well as Edgely Fire Company spoke very highly of Hutchinson. They have no municipal work experience. Mr. Mandolesi suggested offering them a 1-year contract and if they do a good job extending it for two more years.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Ms. Menta to sign a 1 year with an additional 2-year option snow and ice contract with Hutchinson Contractors at the prices set forth on their bid; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Cimino Parking Issue – Mr. DeBias did find a docket referenced to a petition to enforce court order but no signed document. The file is in remote storage. Council all agreed that Mr. DeBias proceed to request the court records be pulled from remote storage. Mr. Cimino has installed no parking signs; however, he is not enforcing them yet. Council also agreed that allowing parking along Reetz needs to be considered. Mr. Wheeler will contact Mr. Canales to have him look at the road from Main Street to Lincoln to determine if the road has enough clearance to allow parking.

Fire Marshal: no report

Mayor: no report

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of September 10, 2018 was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of September 1, 2018: \$ 244,980.73
Expenses Totalled: \$ - 30,167.22
Income Totalled: \$ 23,899.79
General Fund Checking Balance as September 30, 2018: **\$ 238,713.30**
- **Sewer Fund Checking** Balance as of September 1, 2018: \$ 29,966.27
Expenses Totalled: \$ -22,154.69
Income Totalled: \$ 5,320.68
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of September 30, 2018: **\$ 13,132.26**
- **Sewer Fund PLGIT** Balance as of September 1, 2018: **\$ 403,486.92**
- **Highway Aid PLGIT** Balance as of September 1, 2018: **\$ 46,042.09**
- **General Fund PLGIT** Balance as of September 1, 2018: **\$ 66,964.12**

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated September 1, 2018 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note added one bill for \$18,99 Dorothy Omietanski

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of September 28, 2018: \$ 247,525.73
ending balance as of October 1, 2018: \$ 225,731.90
- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of October 1, 2018: \$ 13,067.26
ending balance as of October 19, 2018: \$ -11,675.06
- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of October 1, 2018: \$ 45,708.59
ending balance as of October 1, 2018: \$ 45,693.91

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Wheeler to allow Mr. Mandolesi and Ms. Menta to attend the Property Rental Inspection class at a cost of \$150 each; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Motion made by Ms. Menta seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to allow Mayor Mahon to attend the Police Civil Service Procedure class at a cost of \$130; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated September 10, 2018; motion carries 5-0-0.

Correspondence:

- Liquid Fuels – Ms. Omietanski received a letter from the PA Department of Transportation regarding the liquid fuels for 2019. The estimated allocation is \$26,456.78.

Old Business:

- Engineer Search – Mr. Wheeler will email everyone a Request For Proposals for engineering services document which outlines general requirements and information to be submitted by interested parties. If anyone knows any firm who might be interested please pass on the information. The interviews will be set up for the November work session.
- Costars – Mayor Mahon wanted to thank Ms. Omietanski for getting the Costars account set up for the borough.
- Trailer Ordinance – Mr. Lodise would like council to consider passing a trailer ordinance for Washington Ave. Mr. Wheeler suggested extending the ordinance to more than just one street due to the cost of passing an ordinance. Mr. Wheeler suggested that Mr. Lodise drive around the neighborhood and take note of where we are having a trailer issue.

Doug Edge arrived at 9:30pm

- First Net – Mr. Wheeler asked council if he can proceed with setting up a first net account for himself and the police department. Council agreed he can proceed.
- Solarize Hulmeville – Mr. DeBias advised against endorsing Kiss Electric and council agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Edge; carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary